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<p>1. This report is the international preliminary examination report, established by this International Preliminary Examining Authority under Article 35 and transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.</p> <p>2. This REPORT consists of a total of <u>3</u> sheets, including this cover sheet.</p> <p>3. This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, comprising:</p> <p>a. <input type="checkbox"/> (sent to the applicant and to the International Bureau) a total of _____ sheets, as follows:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications authorized by this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions).</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> sheets which supersede earlier sheets, but which this Authority considers contain an amendment that goes beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed, as indicated in item 4 of Box No. I and the Supplemental Box.</p> <p>b. <input type="checkbox"/> (sent to the International Bureau only) a total of (indicate type and number of electronic carrier(s)) _____, containing a sequence listing and/or tables related thereto, in computer readable form only, as indicated in the Supplemental Box relating to Sequence Listing (see Section 802 of the Administrative Instructions).</p>			
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Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the language, this report is based on the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
- This report is based on translations from the original language into the following language _____ which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:
- international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b))
 - publication of the international application (under Rule 12.4)
 - international preliminary examination (under Rules 55.2 and/or 55.3)
2. With regard to the elements of the international application, this report is based on (*replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report*):
- the international application as originally filed/furnished
- the description:
pages 1-18 _____ received by this Authority on _____ as originally filed/furnished
pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____
pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____
- the claims:
pages 19-20 _____ as originally filed/furnished
pages* _____ as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19
pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____
pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____
- the drawings:
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3. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:
- the description, pages _____
 - the claims, Nos. _____
 - the drawings, sheets _____
 - the sequence listing (*specify*) : _____
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- the description, pages _____
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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement**1. Statement**

Novelty (N)	Claims	1-13	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	1-10,12,13	YES
	Claims	11	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-13	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)**Documents cited in the International Search Report:**

D1 : US-A-2002/0182766

D2 : US-B-6243146

D3 : US-B-6356330

1. None of the above documents disclose the special combination of features defined in Claims 1-10, 12 and 13. The invention defined in independent Claim 1 comprises a color filter formed on the data line and the drain electrode having a first opening which at least partially exposes the drain electrode. However, the documents fail to disclose the above color filter. Furthermore, there are no suggestions leading a person skilled in the art towards the invention defined in Claims 1-10, 12 and 13 in the documents. Therefore, the invention is novel and to involve an inventive step.

2. Claim 11 is not considered to involve an inventive step. D1(see figure 1) and D2(see figure 13) disclose a spacer overlapping the light blocking layer. Furthermore, independent Claim 11 does not embody any further technical elements except that the claimed invention comprises a spacer disposed between the first panel and the second panel to form a gap therebetween and overlapping the light blocking layer. Therefore, it is obvious to a person skilled in the art to create the claimed invention through the above documents.

3. Claims 1-13 are industrially applicable.